

10. A device according to claim 9,

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wherein said lock is essentially a  
conventional buckle with a square frame used in safety belts.

REMARKS

At the outset, the Applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Patent Examiner for the helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the present patent application.

With respect to the claims, recently filed claims 4 to 6 are being canceled without prejudice and are being rewritten as new claims 8 to 10. These claims 8 to 10 overcome the Examiner's formal objections thereto.

The objected-to subject matter has been deleted from page 6 of the specification. The specification has been amended as suggested by the Patent Examiner, namely to recite that "the lock is essentially a conventional buckle comprising a square frame such as buckles used in safety belts".

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 132 is respectfully requested.